GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3775
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CLOSURE OF RETAIL OUTLETS OF PETROL DIESEL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail outlets of petrol/diesel pumps lying closed in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of outlets, State-wise;

(c) the specific reasons for their closure; and

(d): the steps being taken by the Government for resumption of operation in each of these outlets?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): As on 31.10.2004, 224 retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps) belonging to public sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and IBP Co. Limited, were lying closed in various parts of the country. The State/Union Territory-wise position of these outlets is given in the Annexe.

(c): These retail outlets were lying closed owing to a number of reasons like: widening of national highways, deaths of dealers, disputes among legal heirs/partners, financial constraints and consequent non-upliftment of products, cancellation of 'no objection â€¦2...2..certificates' by the district authorities, suspension of explosives licences, sites acquired by the Government/Railway authorities for public works, land disputes, unviability of dealerships, mismanagement, dealers not taking an interest in running the outlet, punitive action against the dealers under Marketing Discipline Guidelines, court cases, etc.

(d): Steps being taken by the OMCs for the resumption of operation in these cases include action as per the court's direction in cases which are subjudice, resitement of the outlets which are lying closed owing to road diversion / land disputes/ road closure, reconstitution of dealerships in case of death of the dealer/partnership disputes/ financial problem, follow-up with the State Government authorities for renewal / obtaining various licences/no objection certificates for revival of outlets which are lying closed owing to cancellation of licences, etc., by those authorities, and processing cases as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines where the outlet is lying closed because of punitive action taken by the OMCs under these Guidelines.

Annexe referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3775, for reply on 23.12.2004 regarding closure of retail outlets of petrol/diesel pumps

Number of retail outlets of the public sector oil marketing companies lying closed in the country as on 31.10.2004

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Number of retail outlets lying closed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15
2.	Assam	2
3.	Bihar	19
4.	Chhattisgarh	2
5.	Gujarat	19
6.	Goa	1
7	Haryana	5

8. Himahcal Pradesh 2

9. Jharkhand 9
10. Jammu & Kashmir 2
11. Kerala 5
12. Karnataka 15
13. Madhya Pradesh 9
14. Maharashtra 17
15. Manipur 1
16. Nagaland 1
17. Orissa 10
18. Punjab 4
19. Rajasthan 10
20. Tamil Nadu 20
21. Uttar Pradesh 25
22. Uttaranchal 4
23. West Bengal 24
24. Delhi 3

Total 224